

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 811 without my signature.

The issue of title-washing, fraudulently registering a vehicle out-of-state in order to avoid specific fees or emissions standards, is serious in California. While I share the concerns of the author and sponsor regarding this issue, this bill has a number of legal issues that could result in the legislation being challenged in court and make the state the target of lawsuits.

In addition, I believe the vehicle registration amnesty program authorized in AB 619 (Chapter 420, Statutes of 2008) which will be effective January 1, 2010 should be evaluated before any effort in this area is renewed.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger